**ESM Table 1** Characteristics in non-diabetic participants at baseline who were included in the analyses and those who were excluded

	Not included	Included	p value
n	198	866	-
Age (years) <sup>a</sup>	$55.8 \pm 0.6$	$54.6 \pm 0.3$	0.082
Female (%) <sup>a</sup>	55.0 (48.1 – 61.8)	57.0 (53.7 – 60.3)	0.608
Ethnicity (%) <sup>a</sup>			
African American	26.3 (20.6 – 32.8)	25.6 (22.8 – 28.6)	0.855
Hispanic	32.3 (26.2 – 39.1)	34.6 (31.5 – 37.9)	0.535
Non-Hispanic white	41.4 (34.8 – 48.4)	39.7 (36.5 – 43.0)	0.660
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	$29.0 \pm 0.4$	$28.4 \pm 0.2$	0.196
Waist circumference (cm)	$91.8 \pm 0.9$	$90.2 \pm 0.4$	0.110
Fasting glucose (mmol/l)	$5.48 \pm 0.04$	$5.45 \pm 0.19$	0.439
2-h glucose (mmol/l)	$7.02 \pm 1.33$	$6.88 \pm 0.64$	0.336
Fasting insulin (pmol/l) b	82.4 ± 3.4	76.1 ± 1.5	0.125
HOMA-IR <sup>b</sup>	$3.32 \pm 0.17$	$3.06 \pm 0.06$	0.123
$S_{I} (\times 10^{-5} \text{ min}^{-1}. \text{ pmol}^{-1}. \text{ l}^{-1})^{b}$	$2.65 \pm 0.18$	$2.92 \pm 0.09$	0.125
AIR (pmol/l) b	$305.4 \pm 18.9$	$302.4 \pm 9.2$	0.820
Proinsulin-to-insulin ratio (x100) <sup>b</sup>	$6.3 \pm 0.9$	$6.2 \pm 0.1$	0.993
hsCRP (mg/l) bc	$2.00 \pm 0.17$	$1.70 \pm 0.07$	0.081
Smoking (%) <sup>a</sup>			< 0.001
Never	38.8 (32.2 – 45.8)	46.8 (43.5 – 50.1)	0.043
Past	35.2 (28.8 – 42.1)	38.8 (35.6 – 42.1)	0.350
Current	26.0 (20.4 – 32.6)	14.4 (12.2 – 16.9)	< 0.001
Number of cigarettes b d	$12.7 \pm 1.6$	$11.5 \pm 0.8$	0.459
White-cells ( $\times$ 10 $^{9}$ /L) $^{b}$	$5.87 \pm 0.12$	$5.42 \pm 0.05$	0.002
Neutrophils (× 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) <sup>b</sup>	$3.43 \pm 0.10$	$3.13 \pm 0.03$	0.010
Lymphocytes (× 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) <sup>b</sup>	$1.72 \pm 0.03$	$1.67 \pm 0.02$	0.221
Monocytes ( $\times 10^9/L$ ) <sup>b</sup>	$0.34 \pm 0.01$	$0.30 \pm 0.01$	0.001
Neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio <sup>c</sup>	$1.097 \pm 0.004$	$1.090 \pm 0.002$	0.216
Neutrophils (%)	$59.5 \pm 0.7$	$59.4 \pm 0.3$	0.972
Lymphocytes (%)	$30.4 \pm 0.6$	$31.5 \pm 0.3$	0.090

Monocytes (%)	$6.4 \pm 0.2$	$6.0 \pm 0.1$	0.102
Neutrophils (%) / lymphocytes (%)	$2.22 \pm 0.08$	$2.14 \pm 0.04$	0.370

Data are n, mean  $\pm$  SEM, or rates and 95% CI

Results adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, and clinic

HOMA-IR indicates homeostasis model assessment of insulin resistance; S<sub>I</sub>, insulin sensitivity index;

AIR, acute insulin response; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein

 $Neutrophil-to-lymphocyte\ ratio = log_e\text{-transformed\ neutrophil\ count\ }/\ log_e\text{-transformed\ lymphocyte\ count\ }$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Non-adjusted values

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Log<sub>e</sub>-transformed values then back transformed for presentation

 $<sup>^{\</sup>text{c}}$  Log\_{\text{e}}\text{-transformed neutrophils} / log\_{\text{e}}\text{-transformed lymphocytes}

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> To convert hsCRP to nanomoles per liter, multiply by 9.524

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Cigarettes smoked per day among current smokers